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Sent: 6/7/2012 2:37:02 PM
To: Wassermann, Maida (WES) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MASSMAIL-01/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MWASSERMANN]
Subject: RE: Trial case - agawam PD

My best guess is that drug dealers aren't always the most honest of people :)

In all seriousness, though, I've been trying to figure it out. As a dissociative, maybe ketamine enhances the doping effects of the heroin? In the states, ketamine isn't easy to get as it is a controlled substance (normally used in veterinary medicine), but I'm not sure in Mexico/South America/etc., so I suppose that the heroin could have been cut prior to entering the U.S. I'm working on trying to get more information regarding it, and I did run across an article from the DOJ that mentions that one of the possible reasons heroin overdoses in MA (in 2001) could be due to the heroin being cut with different agents, including ketamine. I could send you the link if you want (not sure if you'd have to/want to share it with the defense counsel).

-Sonja

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From: Wassermann, Maida (WES)
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 2:40 PM
To: Farak, Sonja (DPH)
Subject: RE: Trial case - agawam PD
Thanks. Any explanation for it?

From: Farak, Sonja (DPH)
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 2:27 PM
To: Wassermann, Maida (WES)
Subject: RE: Trial case - agawam PD

Ketamine is occasionally found in heroin samples - probably <5%, but it does happen.

-Sonja

From: Wassermann, Maida (WES)
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 12:17 PM
To: Farak, Sonja (DPH)
Subject: RE: Trial case - agawam PD

Sorry Sonja. I was in court. This case is a mess right now. Def. hired a 2nd attorney and has rejected our offer. I received your notes and will provide. Defense attorney is arguing that it might be a mistake since you found ketamine in addition to heroin. Is ketamine something often found with heroin??? Thanks.
Maida

From: Farak, Sonja (DPH)
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 11:18 AM
To: Wassermann, Maida (WES)
Subject: RE: Trial case - agawam PD

Hi Maida-

I already have my notes/data/etc. pulled as I wanted to be prepared in case it did go to trial last week, so I can fax you a copy within the hour. Superior Court's fax number is 413-781-4745, right?

-Sonja

From: Wassermann, Maida (WES)
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 10:59 AM
To: Farak, Sonja (DPH)
Subject: RE: Trial case - agawam PD

Sonja,

Def. counsel has requested your entire file. Notes, tests, etc.... Can you provide this? How long will it take. Test resulted in Heroin and Ketamine, both class A. And new def. attorney is questioning the result and how it was reached. Thanks.
Maida

From: Farak, Sonja (DPH)
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 9:06 AM
To: Wassermann, Maida (WES)
Subject: RE: Trial case - agawam PD

Hi Maida-

Here's my schedule through June:

5/21/2012	New Bedford District
5/21/2012	Springfield District
5/22/2012	Springfield District
5/23/2012	Springfield District
5/23/2012	Westfield District
5/24/2012	Northampton District
5/29/2012	Pittsfield District
6/5/2012	Pittsfield District
6/6/2012	Springfield District
6/14/2012	Springfield District
6/19/2012	Pittsfield District
6/20/2012	Pittsfield District
6/20/2012	Springfield District

6/20/2012	Springfield District
6/21/2012	Springfield District
6/26/2012	Pittsfield District (most likely a plea)
6/26/2012	Springfield District
6/26/2012	Springfield District

Obviously, if I only have Springfield there would be absolutely no problem. Also, and I hate to not have exact dates yet, but I am planning on taking a week off between now and the end of June. It's looking like it will be either the Memorial Day week (May 28 -> June 1) or June 11 -> 15th as I am waiting to hear back from a couple ADA's about a single case I have scheduled each week. If you have a feeling that the case will go one of these weeks, let me know and I can try to plan accordingly.

-Sonja

From: Wassermann, Maida (WES)
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 3:09 PM
To: Farak, Sonja (DPH)
Subject: Trial case - agawam PD

Hi Sonja. [REDACTED] is a case from Agawam. Cert numbers are [REDACTED]. Set for trial May 21. Likely won't start that day, but should start shortly thereafter if it is a trial. Chances are high it will be a resolution though. Any issues with your schedule for end of May through June? Thanks.

Maida